

**What is claimed is:**

1       1. A method for manufacturing a fuel inlet comprising the steps of:  
2                  expanding one end of a long-length metal pipe;  
3       5                  cutting off the tip of the long-length metal pipe which becomes non-uniform as  
4                  a result of said expanding step;

5                  forming a screw structure in the expanded end of the long-length metal pipe;  
6                  cutting off the tip of the long-length metal pipe which becomes non-uniform as  
7                  a result of said screw structure forming step; and

8       10                  curling the expanded end of the long-length metal pipe which becomes uniform  
9                  so as to provide a seal portion.

1       2. A method for manufacturing a fuel inlet comprising the steps of:  
2                  preparing a short-length metal pipe, one end of which has a small diameter and  
3       15          the other end of which has a large diameter, by conducting a drawing process to a plate  
4                  or conducting a drawing process or an expanding process to a short-length metal pipe;

5                  cutting off the tip of the large diameter end of the short-length metal pipe  
6                  which becomes non-uniform;

7                  forming a screw structure in the large diameter end of the short-length metal  
8       20          pipe in which the non-uniform tip has been cut off;

9                  cutting off the tip of the short-length metal pipe which becomes non-uniform as  
10                  a result of said screw structure forming step, curling the end of the short-length metal  
11                  pipe which becomes uniform so as to provide a fuel feed nozzle retaining bracket  
12                  having a seal portion; and

13       25                  welding said fuel feed nozzle retaining bracket to a long-length metal pipe, one  
14                  end of which has been expanded.

1       3. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein said screw structure is a double-start  
2                  thread structure.

1       4. The method of claim 3, wherein said double-start thread structure is formed by  
2 using a main-forming punch and a sub-forming punch in which preliminary forming is  
3 conducted by using said sub-forming punch, and thereafter said main-forming punch is  
4 advanced.

5       1       5. The method of claim 1, wherein said seal portion providing step is comprised  
2 of preliminary forming and finishing forming in which said preliminary forming is  
3 conducted in a state where a retaining die is partially inserted into the screw structure  
4 and said finishing forming is conducted by using convex and concave dies.